construction of an enbankment with a suitable bridge at the Vettikkadavu ferry and state what steps have been taken by the Government to construct the embankment and bridge ;

(b) whether any representation, dated 7th March 1931, regarding this matter was received by the Diwan ; and if so, what action has been taken thereon ; and whether any reply has been sent thereto ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Extract (para 4) from the Diwan's Proceedings C. No. 119 of 1102, dated 17th March 1927 (P. W. D.) is appended. (*Vide Appendix XI.*) For lack of funds it has not been possible to carry out the work till now.

(b) Yes. The Chief Engineer was consulted and a reply sent to Mr. K. T. Mathew saying that funds do not permit of the work being taken up now.

Petition from Mr. K. I. Mathew.

45. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Director of Public Instruction has received a petition, dated 22nd June 1931, from Mr. K. I. Mathew forwarded through the Headmaster, Boys' High School, Kunnamkulam; and if so,

(b) whether the two teachers Messrs. Venkitarama Ayyar and Viswanatha Ayyar mentioned therein were allowed full pension;

(c) whether the petitioner's prayer has been granted?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Yes.
(b) Yes.
(c) No.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.— Sub-division (b). Were they not first employed in aided schools ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—They were.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Were their services taken into consideration when they were given pension ?

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—They were entertained by the Government on the distinct understanding that their services will be aken into consideration.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Have the Government passed any orders?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—They were taken by Government on the understanding that they will be given the concession. The records for this particular period have been destroyed. I speak this from my memory and from papers that I have been able to get.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What were the papers destroyed?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I do not know exactly. All papers have not been destroyed. I got these informations from other petitions and from the officers who were then in service.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Which are the other records that the Hon'ble Member refers to?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I have not got the papers. There are petitions in which the conditions are stated, for instance, when the officer is transferred or when the question of pension comes up he would be allowed this concession. There are no other records except the recommendations made by the Government officers who were then in service.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—If Government have not any records they will have to depend upon the petitions received from outsiders, is it not so? Government had not got any records with regard to this matter?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—They have none now.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Government have to get the information from the petitions received from others?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is not all. There are other officers of the department.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Who are the officers?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The late Inspector. There is no chance of referring to him now. He was a senior officer.

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Any further information with regard to this matter I shall be only too glad to give.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Did he give any written statement or only an oral statement?

Mr. I. N. Menon —I have taken only an oral statement, because that is an hearsay.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Government depends upon the hear-say?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I used the word hearsay in the sense of a written statement.

Kunnamkulam Town Improvement Scheme.

46. Mr. K. T. Mathew.— Will the Government be pleased to mention:—

(1) whether the whole amount of Rs. 6,000 provided in the last year's budget for works in connection with Kunnamkulam Town Improvement Scheme has been utilised;

(2) and if not, what amount was made use of before the close of the year;

(3) what items of work were attended to last year and what amount was spent for each of these items of work executed?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) No.

(2) Rs 4,626 6 0.

		Rs.	A.	P.
(3)	a. Sinking a well in Parayil bazaar	455	0	0
	b. Completing the market drain	209	0	0
	c. Cleaning 8 public wells and repairing drains behind the eastern and southern bazaars	75	0	0
	d. Constructing a drain to the east of the market connecting the market drain with the Nadupanthi drains	317	0	0
	e. Completing the western end of market drain	183	0	0

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